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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Gotkis et al.

Application No: 10/674,373

Filed: September 29, 2003

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONTROLLING FILM THICKNESS IN A
CHEMICAL MECHANICAL
PLANARIZATION SYSTEM

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) Group Art Unit: 3723
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) Examiner: Rachuba, Maurina T.
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) Atty. Docket No: LAM2P445
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) Date: November 29, 2006

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	SMALL ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>	OR	LARGE ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>36</u> -	<u>42</u>	<u>00</u>	X25 = \$	OR	X50 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>03</u> -	<u>04</u>	<u>00</u>	X100 = \$	OR	X200 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$180		\$360
TOTAL				\$ _____		\$ _____

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P445). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated **Sept. 29, 2006**, within the three-month period for reply extending to **Nov. 29, 2006**. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Amendment.